

About Boise

Boise, Idaho lies on a swath of green on the ancestral lands of the Newe (Shoshone) and Panati (Bannock) peoples. Boise is a rapidly growing city; the Boise-

Nampa metro area, or Treasure Valley, has a population of 750,000. It's also a hub, with no other metro area for more than 300 miles, people come here for services and amenities. It's a refugee re-settlement community and the home of Boise State University. Boise is "large enough and diverse

enough for many opportunities, but small enough to be able to network and feel like you are contributing insignificant ways." (Melissa Mezo, Terry Reilly, 2020)

Boise is in the middle of beautiful country. The Sawtooth Mountains rise at Boise's northeastern flank, the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and the Givens Hot Springs lie to the south, and the Snake River flows west of town, with high desert and Lake Owyhee past its banks. The Boise River runs through downtown, with accompanying parks and trails, including the 25-mile Boise Green Belt. JVs have been serving in Boise off and on since 2008.



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Joys of Boise

Between university activities and groups, festivals, speakers, shows, concerts, and many free and affordable events, Boise offers a variety of options for JVs to pursue their interests and discover new ones. Four seasons of outdoor recreation - hiking, biking, skiing, camping, whatever your pleasure. The network of support people, former JVs, and partner agency staff is tight-knit and committed. Boise JVs have enjoyed perusing art and having their works exhibited in Boise's Freak Alley, an outdoor venue for murals, graffiti, and public art. It is said to be the largest outdoor gallery in the Northwest, and has been a Boise institution since 2002.